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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1754**

Attorney Docket No. 5573-124

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Whittle et al.
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For: ***FT-Raman Spectroscopic Measurement***

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Official Action of April 29, 2005.

This Amendment is being filed with a one-month extension of time solely in order to file a continuation patent application claiming priority to the above-identified application. The continuation patent application is being filed concurrently and Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the continuation application transmittal form. Applicant is not submitting a reply to the above-noted Office Action and expect the above-identified application to go abandoned after the filing of the continuation patent application.

A check for \$120.00 for the petition fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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